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SUBJ: CERDS: INITIAL MEXICAN PRESS REACTION TO CHARTER VOTE

REF: A. USUN 5798 B. USUN 5810 C. USUN 5805

1. INITIAL MEXICAN PRESS REACTION SATURDAY DEC 7 TO UN SECOND COMMITTEE VOTE ON ECHEVERRIA CHARTER STRESSED SATISFACTION OVER APPROVAL OF CHARTER. WHILE ALL PAPERS NOTED US AND OTHER OPPOSITION, REACTION WAS GENERALLY LOW-KEY.

2. PRELIMINARY EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS SPARSE, AND HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO CHARTER PASSAGE, WHICH WAS PRAISED AS VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND FOR MEXICO. MOST STORIES (PAGE ONE IN ALL PAPERS) WERE DATELINED UNITED NATIONS, AND REASONABLY ACCURATE IN PORTRAYAL OF BACKGROUND. EXCELSIOR ARTICLE NOTED THAT DESPITE CALL BY SECRETARY RABASA ON SECRETARY KISSINGER ON THURSDAY DEC 5, USG POSITION, WHICH HAD BEEN "HOSTILE FROM BEGINNING" TOWARD CHARTER, REMAINED UNCHANGED.

3. GENERAL TONE THROUGHOUT MEXICAN PRESS WAS ONE OF STRONG APPROVAL SECOND COMMITTEE VOTE, AND POINT THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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THIS OVERWHELMING VOTE ASSURES EARLY UNGA APPROVAL OF

ECHEVERRIA DOCUMENT. TYPICAL IS EL HERALDO
SIDEBAR ARTICLE HEADLINED "PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA PROMOTED
CHARTER IN ALL WORLD FORUMS," AND EL SOL'S PRONOUNCEMENT
THAT VOTE CAN BE CONSIDERED "A TRIUMPH FOR MEXICO."

4. MOST POINTED CRITICISM OF US VOTE WAS
PROBABLY EL SOL'S PROMINENT SUB-HEAD
NOTING THAT "US HEADED GROUP OF RICH COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO
A JUST INTERNATIONAL ORDER." MOST DAILIES PLAYED US
VOTE ON LOWER KEY. ONE PAPER HAD SEPARATE ARTICLE
ON SCALI COMMENTS ("TYRANNY OF A MAJORITY") ON
RECENT UN DECISIONS. NO PRESS COMMENT ON SEN. PERCY
STATEMENT REF (A).

5. DEPT MAY WISH REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO ADDRESSEE POSTS
USUN 5810 AND TO LIMA IF ASST SEC ROGERS (ARA) STILL THERE.
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